GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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IMPORTS OF UREA
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) The details of types and rates of the fertilizers including urea imported from various countries during the last three years and the current financial year; and

(b) The subsidy provided to each of the importer company during the said period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B. K. HANDIQUE)

(a) Fertilizers other than Urea are imported under Open General Licence (OGL). The import of urea is permitted only through State Trading Enterprises and import for direct agriculture use is made on government account.The country wise imports of urea made in Government account and the weighted average C&F price in US $ is given below: -

Source wise details of urea imported in Government Account

Source	2003-04		2004-05		2005-06 up to 31.10.06		2006-07	
	Qty. in Lakh MT	Wt. Avg. C&F Price MT. in US $ Per MT	Qty. in Lakh MT	Wt. Avg. C&F price in US $ Per MT	Qty. in Lakh MT	Wt. Avg. C&F price in US $ Per MT	Qty. in Lakh MT	Wt. Avg. C&F price in US $ per MT
Arabian Gulf	Nil	2.02	213.14	2.12	260.61	2.70	236.41	
Bangla Desh		0.49	225.68	0.59	248.53			
Libya	0.55	253.15						
China	0.23	249.50						
CIS Countries	3.90	252.23	5.19	257.72	8.02	250.46		

Besides above, Government has also imported granular urea from Sur, Oman during the year 2005-06 & 2006-07 at a long term FOB price under Urea Off Take Agreement (UOTA). The granular urea imported from Sur, Oman during the year 2005-06 was 13.25 lakh MT at the weighted average C&F price of US$ 155.23 per MT and in 2006-07 (up to 31.10.2006) 11.34 lakh MT at the weighted average price of US$174.61 per MT.

Imports of all other fertilizers are allowed freely. However, Government maintains a buffer stock of DAP through its buffer stocking agency. The details of Urea, DAP & MOP imported during the year 2006-07 up to 31.10.2006 is as under: -

(Qty in lakh MT)

Year	DAP	MOP
2003-04	7.34	25.80
2004-05	6.44	34.09
2005-06	24.38	45.78
2006-07	21.97	16.18

(up to 31.10.06)

(c) The urea is imported in Government account through State Trading Enterprises and handled & distributed through the designated handling agents at various ports.The difference between the delivered cost of urea and recovery of pool issue price (Maximum Retail Price minus Distribution Margin) is borne by the Government as subsidy on imported urea.The net Subsidy paid on imported Urea during the last year and current year (up to 31.10.2006) is as under :

(Rupees in crore)

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07 up to 31.10.2006
Net subsidy paid on imported urea	Nil	493.91	1201.43	1824.77

Government is also paying subsidy/ concession on imported DAP & MOP under the Concession Scheme for decontrolled P&K fertilizers.The subsidy/ concession paid on imported decontrolled P&K fertilizers to various importers during the last three year & current year (up to 31.10.2006) is placed at Annexure 1.

Annexure -1

Annexure to the Lok Sabha un-starred question No.713 for 27.11.06
Company wise payment to importers of DAP & MOP (Rs. Crores)

SI. No.	Company`s Name	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
1	M/s Cargil India pvt Ltd	33.58	42.35		
2	M/s Chambal fert&Chemical Ltd	47.97	41.27	127.90	69.75
3	M/s Coromandal fert Ltd	20.07	39.32	58.20	64.77
4	M/s deepak Fert Ltd -	5.35	0.45	0.03	34.86
5	M/s Duncan Industires Ltd	3.28	0.05	0.74	
6	M/s EID Perry India Ltd	17.32	0.02		
7	FACT	9.51	5.11	0.99	0.02
8	GFCL	10.46	1.38	3.19	0.00
9	GNVFC	17.70	17.34	71.64	100.21
10	GSFC	0.03	0.06	0.00	
11	Hindustan Lever ltd	32.27			
12	IFFCO	0.56	22.98	169.70	143.36
13	Indian Potash LTD	374.26	685.36	979.80	865.25
14	Madras ferilizers Ltd-	4.90	2.14	8.84	0.27
15	MMTC	3.83	5.35	0.61	0.00
16	NFCL	0.49	3.98	6.95	6.49
17	PPL	8.14	29.17	49.22	69.78
18	Rallis India Ltd	4.95	0.53		
19	RCF Ltd	33.58	48.29	82.70	72.15
20	Shri Ram fert Ltd	55.50	135.92	175.09	149.03
21	SPIC	7.31	0.52	0.38	1.20
24	Zuari Industries Limited	16.53	25.47	81.47	126.48
27	TFCL	0.65	0.38		

28	CIPL	18.76		
29	RIL	1.51	0.21	
30	MIPL	137.80	103.22	
31	DMCC	0.13		
32	NFL	0.07		
33	Tata Cehmicals Limited	12.39	58.54	120.21	108.18
	Total	719.98	1165.18	2097.00	1915.61
	Say	720	1165	2097	1916